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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - EDWARD J. SCHWARTZ COURTHOUSE

AMCO INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

GROHE AMERICA, INC., AND DOES 1 TO
25, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

GROHE AMERICA, INC.

Third Party Plaintiff,

v.

VOSS PLUMBING, and ROES 1 to 25,
INCLUSIVE

Third Party Defendant.

Case No. 08-CV-207 JLS (WMc)
(SDSC Case No. 37-2007-00072924-CU-
PL-CTL)

**THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT
OF GROHE AMERICA, INC.,
FOR EQUITABLE
INDEMNITY, CONTRIBUTION,
DECLARATORY RELIEF AS
AGAINST THIRD PARTY
DEFENDANT, VOSS
PLUMBING
[F.R.C.P., RULE 14]**

Complaint Filed: August 10, 2007

JURISDICTION of this Court is invoked on the basis of diversity of
citizenship and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332, 28 U.S.C. 1441 and 28 U.S.C. 1446.

COMES NOW, Third-Party Plaintiff GROHE AMERICA, INC.
("GROHE"), and asserts this Third-Party Complaint against Third-Party Defendant,
VOSS PLUMBING ("VOSS"), and ROES 1 through 25, and each of them, and
alleges as follows:

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1 1. Third-Party Plaintiff, **GROHE** is, and was at all times herein, a
2 Corporation incorporated and having its principal place of business in the State of
3 Ohio, and duly licensed and conducting business within the State of California,
4 County of San Diego and within the Southern Judicial District of the United States
5 District Court.

6 2. Third-Party Defendant **VOSS** is, and was at all times herein mentioned,
7 an unknown business entity, with a Contractor's License issued by the State of
8 California, and doing business within the Southern Judicial District of the United
9 States District Court.

10 3. Third-Party Defendants, ROES 1 through 25, inclusive, are sued herein
11 under fictitious names. The true names and capacities are unknown to Third-Party
12 Plaintiff. When their true names and capacities are ascertained, Third-Party Plaintiff
13 will amend this Third-Party Complaint by inserting their true names and capacities
14 herein. Third-Party Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of
15 the fictitiously named Third-Party Defendants is responsible in some manner for the
16 occurrences herein alleged, and that Third-Party Plaintiff's damages as herein alleged
17 were proximately caused by those Third-Party Defendants. Each reference in this
18 Third-Party Complaint to "Third-Party Defendant," or "Third-Party Defendants", or a
19 specifically named Third-Party Defendant refers also to all Third-Party Defendants
20 sued under fictitious names.

21 4. Each Third-Party Defendant is, and was, at all times relevant, the agent,
22 servant, and employee of each of the other Third-Party Defendants. Each Third-Party
23 Defendant committed the acts herein alleged in the course and scope of such agency,
24 servanthood, and employment, under the direction and control of, for the benefit of, at
25 the instance, request and behest of each of the other Third-Party Defendants, who
26 each ratified and confirmed the acts of each of the other Third-Party Defendants.
27 Third-Party Plaintiff is unaware at this time of the exact nature of all of the

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relationships among the Third-Party Defendants, but when such is made known to Third-Party Plaintiff, he will amend this Complaint accordingly.

5. Plaintiff refers to Plaintiff AMCO's Complaint on file herein, and, without admitting any of the allegations contained therein, by this reference incorporates said allegations as though fully set forth hereat.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Equitable Indemnity Against All Third-Party Defendants)

6. Third-Party Plaintiff incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 5 as though fully set forth at length herein.

7. By virtue of the doctrine of Equitable Implied Indemnity, Third-Party Plaintiff is faced with a potential loss, which in good conscience, equity and justice he would not be faced with absent of the conduct of Third-Party Defendants, and each of them. If the allegations of the Complaint of Plaintiff AMCO are found to be true, the responsibility of this Third-Party Plaintiff, if any, for the alleged damage and injuries of AMCO, if any, should be reduced based upon the proportionate share of fault as compared with that of Third-Party Defendants and each of them.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Contribution Against All Third-Party Defendants)

8. Third-Party Plaintiff incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 7 as though fully set forth at length herein.

9. Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, have failed and refused to acknowledge their responsibility for the injuries claimed by Plaintiff, if any there were. By reason thereof, Third-Party Plaintiff is faced with a potential for judgment.

10. As a proximate result of the failure of Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, to acknowledge responsibility for Plaintiff's injuries, if any there were, as herein alleged, VOSS must defend the lawsuit filed by AMCO, alleging damages as a result of the alleged negligence of Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, thus expending time and money for the defense of an action.

11. If any judgment is rendered against Third-Party Plaintiff for the damages alleged by Plaintiff, Third-Party Plaintiff is entitled to contribution from Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, for any damages awarded.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Declaratory Relief Against All Third-Party Defendants)

12. Third-Party Plaintiff incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 11 as though fully set forth at length herein.

13. A controversy exists between Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** and Third-Party Defendants, **VOSS** and **ROES** 1 through 25, and each of them as follows:

- A. Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** contends that Third-Party Defendants, and each of them are obligated to hold harmless and to reimburse for the defense of defending the aforesaid action filed by **AMCO**;
- B. Third-Party Defendants, **VOSS** and **ROES** 1 through 25, and each of them, contend that they are not obligated to hold Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** harmless or to reimburse them for the defense of **AMCO**'s action.

14. Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** desires a judicial determination of its right to indemnity from Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, such that, a Declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time in order to avoid multiplicity of actions. It will be otherwise required that Third-Party Plaintiff defend this action and bring a separate action over and against Third-Party Defendants, and each of them. Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** has no adequate or other speedy remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** prays for judgment against Third-Party Defendants, and each of them as follows:

- 1. If Third-Party Plaintiff is held responsible for judgment in favor of Plaintiff, **AMCO**, that judgment be rendered in the same amount against Third-Party Defendants, and in favor of Third-Party Plaintiff, **GROHE** herein;

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1 2. For an order of the court that Third-Party Plaintiff, **GROHE** is entitled
2 to be fully indemnified by Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, for any and all
3 settlements or compromises entered into by Third-Party Plaintiff, **GROHE** and
4 Plaintiff **AMCO**;

5 3. For reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to *Code of Civil Procedure*
6 § 1021.6, and any and all other reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the
7 defense of the action filed by Plaintiff, **AMCO** in favor of Third-Party Plaintiff
8 **GROHE**;

9 4. For costs of suit incurred herein; and

10 5. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

11 DATED: April 2, 2008

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14 By: _____


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STATE OF CALIFORNIA))ss
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

On April 2, 2008, I served the foregoing document described as **THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT OF GROHE AMERICA, INC., FOR EQUITABLE INDEMNITY, CONTRIBUTION, DECLARATORY RELIEF AS AGAINST THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT, VOSS PLUMBING** to all interested parties in said action by:

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☒ **FEDERAL** - I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

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